

**VICE PRESIDENT SUPERSCRIPT FOR JOINT
SESSION TO COUNT ELECTORAL BALLOTS
JANUARY 6, 2021**

[This version of the main script that resolves
“competing slate” issues through an explanatory
statement is favored by the parliamentarians]

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[The VICE PRESIDENT leads the Senate to the Hall of the House and takes his place on the podium to the right of the Speaker of the House. The VICE PRESIDENT gavels the joint session to order.]

1. The VICE PRESIDENT:

Mr. Speaker and Members of Congress:

Pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Senate and House of Representatives are meeting in joint session to verify the certificates and count the votes of the electors of the several States for President and Vice President of the United States.

After ascertainment has been had that the certificates are authentic and correct in form, the tellers will count and make a list of the votes cast by the electors of the several States.

and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 9 votes for President and Michael R. Pence of the State of Indiana received 9 votes for Vice President.

THE VICE PRESIDENT:

Are there any objections to counting the certificate of vote of the State of Alabama that the teller has verified appears to be regular in form and authentic?

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This certificate from Alaska, the Parliamentarians advise me, is the only certificate of vote from that State that purports to be a return from the State, and that has annexed to it a certificate from an authority of that State purporting to appoint or ascertain electors.

SECOND TELLER:

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Alaska seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Donald J. Trump of the State of New York received 3 votes for

Senate Teller:

The undersigned, Roy Blunt of Missouri, and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, tellers on the part of the Senate, Zoe Lofgren of California, and Rodney Davis of Illinois, tellers on the part of the House of Representatives, report the following as the result of the ascertainment and counting of the electoral vote for President and Vice President of the United States for the term beginning on the twentieth day of January, two thousand and twenty-one.

[The **VICE PRESIDENT** then announces the formal state of the vote for President and Vice President.]

[The **VICE PRESIDENT** uses his gavel and proclaims the joint session dissolved.]

5. The VICE PRESIDENT:

The purpose of the joint session having been concluded, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, 117th Congress, the Chair declares the joint session dissolved.